

REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING  
VILLAGE OF FRANKLIN GROVE  
LEE COUNTY, ILLINOIS

MARCH 9, 2009 MINUTES APPROVED APRIL 13, 2009

On March 9, 2009 the regular meeting of the Village of Franklin Grove, held at the Village Hall, 105 E. South Street, Franklin Grove, Lee County, Illinois, was called to order immediately following the Public Hearing by President Robert E. Logan with the Pledge of Allegiance at 7:21 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

Present: Trustees, Karen Didier, Tony Schaneberg, Ed Uphoff, Diane Nicholson, Keith Roop, Lynn Asp, Attorney Rolfe Ehrmann, President Bob Logan and Clerk Lori Smith.

**RECOGNITION OF VISITORS**

See attached.

Wendy Ryerson, Lee County Chief Assessor gave a presentation to the board on assessing Wind Farms.

**VILLAGE CLERK'S REPORT**

See attached.

**MINUTES**

**Motion** made by L. Asp, seconded by K. Roop to approve the Public Hearing and Regular Minutes of the Meeting of February 9, 2009. Passed 6/0

**BILLS & LATE BILLS**

**Motion** made by K. Roop, seconded by K. Didier to pay bills and make necessary transfers. Passed 6/0

**LEGAL ISSUES**  
**(Attorney Ehrmann)**

None

**ENGINEER'S REPORT  
(Ralph Tompkins)**

None

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COORDINATOR  
(Lynne Kilker)**

None

**POLICE REPORT**

See attached.

**GENERAL BUSINESS**

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Motion** made by K. Roop, seconded by K. Didier to approve the Landlord Water Billing Ordinance No. 696-09 as presented. Passed 6/0

**Motion** made by L. Asp, seconded by D. Nicholson to approve the First Reading of the proposed Minimum and Maximum Setback Zone Ordinance provisions. Passed 6/0

President Logan advised that the village has received the Blackhawk Hills Capital Improvement Plan Incentive Grant for \$2,000.00.

**Motion** made by K. Roop, seconded by T. Schaneberg to tentatively approve the Annual Spring Clean-up Day for April 18, 2009 from 7:00 until 12:00. Passed 6/0

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**WATER & SEWER  
(K. Roop Chairman)**

See attached.

Trustee Roop advised that he met with Ralph Tompkins at Baxter & Woodman to put together a stimulus package for infrastructure needs (copy attached).

Trustee Roop advised that we have a water customer who recently removed one of the two meters from his home and doesn't want to pay the last bill on the removed meter. The board agreed that if he doesn't pay his bill, the water needs to be shut off.

Trustee Roop advised that he contacted the EPA and has a letter from them stating that a permit is not needed to replace Well No. 3 as long as it is replaced with a comparable pump. Martin Well Drilling has provided a bid to replace Well No. 3 of \$17,222.76.

President Logan suggested that Trustee Roop get other bids and it will be addressed at the April 13, 2009 meeting.

**STREETS & ALLEYS**  
(D. Nicholson Chairman)

See attached.

Trustee Nicholson advised what was included for the stimulus package as it pertains to street improvements during the meeting with Baxter & Woodman (see attached).

**Motion** made by K. Didier, seconded by T. Schaneberg to present a letter to the Lee County Board requesting that they assist the Village on two Lahman Street projects. Passed 6/0

Trustee Nicholson asked Attorney Ehrmann what liability the Village would have if we put a cable across the road to the burn site to keep people out and someone doesn't see the cable and hits it and gets hurt. Attorney Ehrmann advised that we have not liability unless we are reckless and suggested a "No Trespassing" sign.

**Motion** made by T. Schaneberg, seconded by K. Didier to get summer help for April 6th thru 10th, at minimum wage for Streets and Alleys. Passed 6/0

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND PROPERTIES**  
(E. Uphoff Chairman)

Trustee Uphoff advised that he would like President Logan and himself to attend the Lee County Board meeting and present the Comprehensive Plan.

Trustee Uphoff advised that he will have copies made of the CCI Action Plan and distribute them.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE**  
(K. Didier Chairman)

**Motion** made by K. Roop, seconded by K. Didier to approve the First Reading of the Proposed 2009/2010 Budget. Passed 6/0

**Motion** made by L. Asp, seconded by T. Schaneberg to purchase (2) \$20,000 Certificate of Deposits for 182 days from the Capital Improvement Fund and leave the balance in a 31 day Certificate and purchase (1) \$10,000 Certificate of Deposit from Water & Sewer CD at 182 days and leave the balance in a 31 day Certificate of Deposit. Passed 6/0

**HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMITTEE**  
(Lynn Asp Chairman)

See attached.

**EARLY WARNING SYSTEM COMMITTEE**  
(Lynn Asp Chairman)

See attached.

Trustee Asp advised that two young men from the community are going to be doing a aluminum can drive and donate the proceeds to the Early Warning System.

Trustee Uphoff advised that he would like to see the Village go ahead and purchase the Early Warning System and use any donations to defray the cost. After much discussion, President Logan advised that he will send a letter to the Fire District, Township Board and the Lee County Board to see if we can get any help from them.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

Marilyn Spangler asked what the status was on the lighting situation at Flat Iron Park. Trustee Schaneberg advised that Drew's Plumbing and Heating submitted a bid, but didn't want to bid it the way the Village wanted it bid. President Logan suggested that Trustee Schaneberg check with the other bidder and make sure their bid is still good and see about getting it done.

(**Note:** Trustee Schaneberg left at 9:25 p.m.)

Trustee Roop advised that the trailer on State Street needs to be condemned because of the condition of the trailer. President Logan advised that he will send a letter to the owner and advise that we are looking at condemnation proceedings under the Nuisance Ordinance and try to get a response from him.

**Motion** made by K. Didier, seconded by D. Nicholson to continue membership with the Illinois Lincoln Highway Coalition. Passed 5/0

**ADJOURNMENT**

As no further business was brought before the board, a motion to adjourn was made by E. Uphoff, seconded by K. Didier and carried by unanimous vote at 9:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lori J. Smith  
Village Clerk

